

Eagle Scout Constructs Tiki Hut in Library



The new Tiki Hut in the library was constructed by Clay Florence as his Eagle Scout project. The hut will be used as a reading area for students to relax as they read.

If you haven't visited the library lately, you might be in for a surprise. It has a great new reading area with newly painted bookshelves and walls and a humongous lighted Tiki Hut. The reading area was part of a young man's road to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Clay Florence is a member of Troop 1 (Crescent Hill United Methodist) in Louisville. He chose to do his Eagle Scout project at KSB. When asked, why KSB? Clay responded, "Because both my mom and dad went to school here and I really like coming here to get the chance to work with the KSB Scout Troop. Also, I knew Ms. Davis, the librarian, wanted a Tiki Hut."

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If the name Florence sounds familiar to you, it may be because Clay's parents are KSB alumni. Clay's dad, Ottis, graduated in 1988 while his mom, the former Lynn Smallwood, graduated in 1989. Ottis and Lynn currently serve as KSB's Boy Scout Master and Venturing Crew Advisor respectively.

When working on the Eagle Scout Badge, most people do not realize the amount of planning and preparation that goes into the project that is chosen by each boy. Clay first had to have his project approved by scout leadership. This can be a rather difficult hurdle to cross. After some revisions, Clay received the stamp of approval. He then began his letter writing campaign seeking donations for money and/or supplies for the Tiki Hut.



Clay Florence shown above in his Scout uniform officially earned his Eagle badge on January 28. His project was a very large, expensive and difficult undertaking.



Florence is a 16-year-old junior at Ballard High School and a member of the BARC Club (The club supports the rescue of animals). He currently holds the leadership position of Senior Patrol Leader, has attended the National Scout Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch and been on the staff of several scout day camps. So far Clay has earned 41 merit badges and the Conservation Award. His Eagle Board of Review was held on January 28 where he officially became an Eagle Scout.

At left, Clay shows that he is adept at using two drills at the same time in order to complete the Tiki Hut.

Clay would like to especially thank Director of Instruction John Roberts, Librarian Heather Davis, KSB Troop 10, The Den Sponsor Bo Mullins, KSB Charitable Foundation and the staff of the American Printing House for the Blind for their donations and support throughout the project. There will be a plaque placed in the library to acknowledge all the sponsors for this project at a later date.

Tiki Hut Provides Warm and Inviting Story Time Area for Students

By: Heather Davis, Librarian

Last year I was approached by John Roberts, Director of Instruction, regarding a request from a boy scout who wanted to earn his Eagle Scout Badge by helping out at KSB.

Over the past several years, I have worked a little at a time to create a warm and inviting story time area, specifically for K-3 students. In the Library Media Center, we are very fortunate to have over 50 stuffed and mounted animals. These animals needed to be incorporated in the story time area, which is how the outdoor jungle theme came about. With the financial support from the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation and Box Tops for Education (coordinated by former employee Susan Silverthorn), I have been able to purchase comfy chairs, a few new books, mobiles, etc. for this area. What this area was lacking was a Tiki Hut, which is where Clay Florence came in!

The Tiki Hut became Clay's Eagle Scout project. We had several meetings to figure out the logistics of building a Tiki Hut. Clay

painted the walls and bookshelves, and added additional support to the shelves.

The story time area now provides visual stimulation for some students, reduction of glare—due to the soft lights under the Tiki Hut (great for students with cone dystrophy) and a tactual environment for all students.

The K-3 students sit under the Tiki Hut during story time once a week. All other students and staff are able to utilize the Tiki Hut for reading, collaborating or just to relax. The Tiki Hut also provides a unique environment for Strider (see in picture below). Strider is the miniature horse that comes approximately once a month to the library as part of the Reading with Horses Program.



Primary students Hayden Ashley (at left), Strider the horse, and Corey Wallace are getting to know each other under the Tiki Hut

DeLozier and Callahan Retire

Also in December, **Housekeeping Supervisor Jackie Callahan** retired with 27 years of service.

Congratulations and best wishes ladies on your retirement!



At left, Julie DeLozier, Speech Therapist.

Below: Jackie Callahan, Housekeeping Supervisor



In December, **Speech Therapist, Julie DeLozier** retired. DeLozier had already retired once before coming to KSB. For the past three years, she has shared her wealth of knowledge and experience with students and staff. KSB was fortunate to be able to learn from her never-ending list of strategies.

On her last day, the students had prepared video good-byes which were played on the TV in the lobby. This was a nice surprise for her.

DeLozier is looking forward to welcoming and enjoying her first grandchild.



American Council of the Blind Scholarship Applications Available

The **American Council of the Blind** annually awards approximately 20 scholarships ranging in amounts from \$1,000-\$3,000 to vocational, entering freshmen, undergraduate, graduate and full-time employee (32 hours or more per week who are attending college part-time) to students who are legally blind, maintain a 3.3 GPA and are involved in their school/local community. Applications and all supporting materials must be received by 11:59 PM eastern time on March 1.

To read the scholarship guidelines and complete an on-line application, please visit www.acb.org/scholarship.

For more information, contact the ACB national office at (202)467-5081 or 1-800-424-8666.

KSBCF Offers Will Evans Scholarship

The **Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation (KSBCF)** offers financial support for blind and visually impaired students who want to pursue post-secondary education. The scholarship is a \$2,000 award for students attending college or vocational training.

To be eligible for consideration, the student must meet the Kentucky Office for the Blind criteria for educational or vocational services. Students may reapply for the scholarship annually up to five years.

The application deadline is April 1. For an application, go to ww.ksbcf.org or call KSBCF Executive Director Rick Ricks at 502-897-3990.

CCLVI Scholarships

The **Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI)** will award three \$3,000 scholarships to full-time entering freshmen, undergraduate and graduate students who are visually impaired, maintain a strong GPA and are involved in their school/local community.

Application materials must be received by March 1. Scholarship monies will be awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year. To read the scholarship guidelines and complete an online application, visit www.cclvi.org and click on the "CCLVI Scholarship Programs" link. For questions, contact CCLVI at 800-733-2258. Applications may be submitted online until March 1 at 11:59 PM eastern time.



Artwork Looks Good Enough to Eat

Artist in Residence Carrie Neumayer is an illustrator and comic book artist and wanted to design projects for students that connected with some of what she does in her work. The inspiration for most of the student artwork that is displayed in the KSB bridge that connects the Scoggans and McDaniel classroom buildings, was derived from the Pop Art movement of the 1960's.

The toilet paper food sculptures were inspired by the larger-than-life Pop Art sculptures by artist Claes Oldenburg. All of the food items that the students created were formed with toilet paper and water.

Students learned different folding, wringing, and sculpting techniques to use for this unconventional process. After items like bacon, cherries, ice cream and pancakes were formed, they were left to dry and the form hardened.

Next, students used watered down tempera paint to paint each hand-crafted food item.

In the last step, projects were arranged in bowls or plates and additional items like wall joint compound (for the whipped cream) and sprinkles were used for embellishment.

A right, high school students Safira Bibi and Kyle Givens created two scoops of ice cream.

Each bowl of ice cream includes whipped cream and a cherry on top. Would have been a nice way to end the school day had they been edible, don't you think?

The Artist in Residence program is a collaborative effort between the Museum of Art and Craft and KSB.



From right to left, high school students Trevor Gravit and Selena Tirey prepare to eat their breakfast. Actually, their artwork only looks good enough to eat. Trevor created pancakes, while Selena went with bacon and eggs for her art project.



Meet the 2013 KSB Wildcat Cheer Team



KSB has a long legacy of producing championship caliber cheerleading squads. The 2013 team of athletes continues to add to that legacy.

The team competed for the NCASB Conference Championship in Indianapolis last weekend at the Indiana School for the Blind. Their reviews were very complimentary.

From left to right, the team includes front row: **Savannah Hively** and **Amanda Livers**. 2nd row: **Cheyenne Harper**, **Safira Bibi**, **Kayla Voskuhl**, **Hannah Figley** and **Jessica Van Bruggen**. Back row: **Coach Crystal Johnson**, **Shawn Smith**, **Garrad Riley** and **Coach Sarah White**.



Kentucky Braille Challenge to Take Place on February 21



Kentucky students who read and/or write Braille will compete in the **Kentucky Braille Challenge** at KSB on February 21. This event is hosted by the American Printing House for the Blind and KSB. About 25 students are expected to compete.

Last year, for the first time in the history of the Kentucky Braille Challenge, there was a student who qualified for the National Competition which was held in California. That student was **Mason Tilley from Trimble County**, shown in the photo at left.

INSIGHT Post Secondary Experience

June 7-15, 2013

If you are currently in grades 10-12, remember March 15 is the deadline to submit application materials. For more information go to

<http://www.ksb.kyschools.us/Resources/INSIGHT%202012.htm>.

Calendar of Events

February 2013

- 5 Tue. SBDM Council Meeting, 4 PM**
- 21 Thu. Kentucky Braille Challenge, KSB**
- 25-1 School Not in Session**

